Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-17   (Cancelled)

18.   (New) A server apparatus, connected to an information processing terminal via a network, which decides whether or not to distribute a program in response to a program obtainment request attached with a terminal ID transmitted from the information processing terminal, by referring to a table indicating a relation between a previously distributed program and a terminal ID, the information processing terminal holding the terminal ID that cannot be re-written externally,

wherein the program includes a program body running on the information processing terminal and program specific information for running said program body, and

the server apparatus comprises

a decision unit operable to decide i) to distribute only the program body to the information processing terminal by prohibiting distribution of the program specific information in the case where the terminal ID attached to the program obtainment request is recorded in the table, and ii) to add the terminal ID and the program specific information, to the table, in a correspondence relation with each other, and distribute the program body and the program specific information to the information processing terminal in the case where said terminal ID is not recorded in the table.

19.   (New) The server apparatus according to Claim 18,

wherein, in response to the program obtainment request from the information processing terminal, the decision unit decides to distribute the program body for each program obtainment request, and distribute the program specific information only once.

20.   (New) The server apparatus according to Claim 18,

wherein a table holding unit holds a table indicating the terminal ID and a number of distributions of the program specific information, and

the decision unit, by referring to the table, decides i) to distribute only the program body to the information processing terminal by prohibiting distribution of the program specific information in the case where the number of distributions corresponding to the terminal ID reaches a prescribed value, and ii) to update the number of distributions corresponding to the terminal ID, described in the table, and distribute the program body and the program specific information to the information processing terminal, in the case where the number of distributions corresponding to the terminal ID does not reach the prescribed value, said terminal ID being attached to the program obtainment request transmitted from the information processing terminal.

21.   (New) The server apparatus according to Claim 20,

wherein the table holding unit holds a table indicating the relation among the terminal ID attached to the program obtainment request from the information processing terminal, a program body ID for uniquely identifying the program body distributed to the information processing terminal having said terminal ID, and the number of distributions indicating the number of times the program specific information has been distributed to the information processing terminal having the terminal ID, and

the decision unit, referring to the table, decides i) to distribute only the program body to the information processing terminal by prohibiting distribution of the program specific information in the case where the number of distributions, corresponding to both the program ID and the terminal ID attached to the program obtainment request transmitted from the information processing terminal, reaches the prescribed value, and ii) to update the number of distributions corresponding to the terminal ID and the program ID, described in the table, and distribute the program body and the program specific information to the information processing terminal, in the case where the number of distributions, corresponding to the program ID as well as the terminal

ID attached to the program obtainment request transmitted from the information processing terminal, does not reach the prescribed value.

22. **(New)** The server apparatus according to Claim 21,

wherein the prescribed value is a value indicating the number of distributions for the program specific information to be distributed from the server apparatus to the information processing terminal.

23. **(New)** The server apparatus according to Claim 20,

wherein the prescribed value is a value indicating the number of distributions for the program specific information to be distributed from the server apparatus to the information processing terminal.

24. **(New)** The server apparatus according to Claim 18,

wherein a table holding unit holds a table indicating the relation among the terminal ID attached to the program obtainment request from the information processing terminal, a program body ID for uniquely identifying the program body distributed to the information processing terminal having the terminal ID, and a program specific information ID for uniquely identifying the program specific information distributed to the information processing terminal having the terminal ID, and

the decision unit, referring to the table, decides i) to distribute only the program body to the information processing terminal by prohibiting distribution of the program specific information in the case where the program specific information ID, corresponding to both the program ID and the terminal ID attached to the program obtainment request transmitted from the information processing terminal, is described in the table, and ii) to add the terminal ID, the program specific information ID, and the program ID, to the table, in a correspondence relation with each other, and distribute the program body and the program specific information to the

information processing terminal, in the case where the program specific information ID, corresponding to both the program ID and the terminal ID attached to the program obtainment request, is not described in the table.

25.   (New) The server apparatus according to Claim 18, holds a plurality of the program specific information which is information that is different for each of the information processing terminals, and one program body which is common for the information processing terminals.

26.   (New) The server apparatus according to Claim 18,

wherein the table holding unit holds a table indicating the relation between a program body ID for uniquely identifying the program body and the terminal ID of the information processing terminal on which the program body runs, and

the decision unit, referring to the table, decides i) that the program body can be distributed in the case where the program ID and the terminal ID attached to the program obtainment request transmitted from the information processing terminal are in a correspondence relation in the table, and ii) that the program body cannot be distributed in the case where the program ID and the terminal ID attached to the program obtainment request transmitted from the information processing terminal are not in a correspondence relation in the table.

27.   (New) A program management system comprising an information processing terminal and a server apparatus which are connected with each other via a network, the information processing terminal holding a terminal ID that cannot be re-written externally, the server apparatus deciding whether or not to distribute a program in response to a program obtainment request attached with the terminal ID transmitted from the information processing terminal, by referring to a table indicating a relation between a previously distributed program and a terminal ID,

wherein the information processing terminal includes a storage unit operable to i) store a specific key which is different for each information processing terminal, in a memory that cannot be re-written externally, and ii) encrypt, using the specific key, the program obtained from the server apparatus and store the encrypted program in the memory within the information processing terminal.

28. **(New)** The program management system according to Claim 27,

wherein the program includes a program body running on the information processing terminal, a program header storing information regarding the program body, program specific information for running the program body, and a specific information header storing information regarding the program specific information,

the information processing terminal sends, to the server apparatus, a header obtainment request for obtaining the program header and the specific information header included in the program for which obtainment is requested,

· the server apparatus distributes the program header and the specific information header to the information processing terminal in the case where it is decided by the decision unit that the program body can be distributed, and

the information processing terminal i) includes a verification unit operable to perform a verification based on the program header and the specific information header, and ii) transmits the program obtainment request to the server apparatus after the verification is performed by the verification unit.

29. **(New)** The program management system according to Claim 28,

wherein the program header contains an identifier capable of uniquely identifying the program, and

the information processing terminal includes another verification unit operable to decrypt, using the specific key, the program encrypted with the specific key, and verify, using the

identifier, whether encryption with the specific key is performed correctly, said program being stored in the memory within the information processing terminal.

30.   **(New)** The program management system according to Claim 28,

wherein the program, the program header, the program specific information, and the specific information header, are attached with a digital signature.

31. **(New)**   The program management system according to Claim 28,

wherein the program header contains an identifier capable of uniquely identifying the program, and

the specific information header contains an identifier capable of uniquely identifying the program specific information.

32.   **(New)** A program distribution method used by a server apparatus, connected to an information processing terminal via a network, which decides whether or not to distribute a program in response to a program obtainment request attached with a terminal ID transmitted from the information processing terminal, by referring to a table indicating a relation between a previously distributed program and a terminal ID, the information processing terminal holding the terminal ID that cannot be re-written externally,

wherein the program includes a program body running on the information processing terminal and program specific information for running said program body, and

the method comprises

a step of deciding i) to distribute only the program body to the information processing terminal by prohibiting distribution of the program specific information in the case where the terminal ID attached to the program obtainment request is recorded in the table, and ii) to add the terminal ID and the program specific information, to the table, in a correspondence relation with

each other, and distribute the program body and the program specific information to the information processing terminal in the case where said terminal ID is not recorded in the table.

33.   **(New)** A server program used in a server apparatus, connected to an information processing terminal via a network, which decides whether or not to distribute a program in response to a program obtainment request attached with a terminal ID transmitted from the information processing terminal, by referring to a table indicating a relation between a previously distributed program and the terminal ID, the information processing terminal holding a terminal ID that cannot be re-written externally,

wherein the program includes a program body running on the information processing terminal and program specific information for running said program body, and

the server program includes

a step of deciding i) to distribute only the program body to the information processing terminal by prohibiting distribution of the program specific information in the case where the terminal ID attached to the program obtainment request is recorded in the table, and ii) to add the terminal ID and the program specific information, to the table, in a correspondence relation with each other, and distribute the program body and the program specific information to the information processing terminal in the case where said terminal ID is not recorded in the table.